Irrigation Project Building Will Be Considered at Conference at Denver.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM IS NOW OUTLINED

ENVER. Colo., March 24.-Announcement of a tentative program for the brigation conference called by secretary of the interior Lane for April 2, in Denver, was made today. The chief object of the conference is to devise a busis for federal and state cooperation that will put irrigation development in the west on a business footing, which, in turn, will attract funds from money centers to carry through these projects and crentually bring settlers to the lands reclaimed. The topics suggested for discussion

Carey act projects. Irrigation districts. Administration and operation of the

GOVERNORS WILL ATTEND GOVERNORS WILL ATTEND
Washington, D. C., March 24.—Delegates from all of the western states
will attend the irrigation congress
called by secretary Lane to meet in
Denver April 9. The interior department announced today that acceptances
had been received from the governors
of Arizona, New Mexica, Wyoming, Nevada, Montana and North Daltota. In
some instances the Covernors themsome instances the covernors them-

KOETTERS IS TRIED ON MURDER CHARGE

Chicago, Ill., March 24.-The state today began its case against John B. (Handsome Jack) Koetters, accused of killing with a hammer Mrs. Emma Kraft of Cincninati, in a hotel here November 14, 1912. Koetters's mother, father and two sisters came from Cincinnal to be with him ductor the trial cinnati to be with him during the trial and surprised him by their presence in Stephen Mulato, assistant state's at-

torney, who procured the conviction of William Cheney Ellis, will prosecute Koetlurs. In his opening address Maleto declared that the state would prove that Koetlers, under promise of marriage, lured Mrs. Kraft, who was six anced in years to this advanced in years, to this city bor-rowed large sums from her, and finally crushed her head with a hammer to be rid of her.

DURAN POSTOFFICE IS REPORTED ROBBED

The postoffice at Duran, N. M., was robbed Monday night. A message was received by postmaster J. A. Smith Tuesday from the postmaster at Duran asking that a postoffice detective be sent there at once to work on the ease. The message did not say what the postoffice robbers obtained.

HEARING IN AMERICAN CAN DISSOLUTION SUIT BEGUN

New York, March 24.—The taking of testimony in the government dissolution suit against the American Cancompany was begun here today. Hearings were to have been commenced acveral weeks ago, but were postponed by agreement of counsel The company is held by the government to be a combination in restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Washington, D. C., March 24.—Ambassaor Page's own account of his London speech on the Monroe doctrine and the Panama canal, which caused the acnate to demand an explanation by the state department, was received today by serretary of state Bryan. He took the speech with him to the cabinet meeting and will present it to the senate later.

ASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—
Governor Colquitt's offer of a reward of \$1000 for the delivery on Texas soil of five Mexicans suspected of being the murderers of Clemente Vergara, has caused state and war department officials serious concern regarding international complications.

The five Mexicans sought are captain Apolonio Rodrigues, Nito Ceara, Juan Cassillon, Andres Rodriguez and Dionisio Martines.

In his report today Brig. Gen. Bliss says:

"The men named are charged in the newspapers as heing implicated in the death of Vergara.

May Lead to Kidnapping, Fear.
The right of the governor to offer

ULSTER MAY WRECK BRITISH PARLIAMENT

ONDON, Eug., March 24.—Disso-lution of the British parliament may be hastened by the events of the last few days according to the opinion generally expressed here in Cooperation between state and union. political circles. The surrender of the government to the officers of the army who declined to serve against the Ulst-

Paris, France, March 34.-Fifteen ring leaders among the women prisoners in the St. Lazare penitentlary, who protested against special priv-

Christe's auction rooms today. The treasure, which dates from the period of Henry VII, is believed to be the earliest standing salt cellar in existence. Its height, with the cover, is 121-4 inches, but it weighs only 30 ounces. A pair of Charles II bottles brought \$14,500 at the same sale.

NO MORE DISORDERLY PARADES, SAY POLICE

New York, March 24.-There will be no repetition of the disorderly scenes of last Saturday's parade up Fifth ave-nue by unemployed men, if the orders issued Monday night by police commis-sioner McKay are enforced.

After a conference with mayor Mitchel, the commissioner admitted that the police officials had been at fault in allowing the parade, but added that reports showed no concrete evidence of a violation of the law by the paraders.

AMBASSADOR PAGES SPEECH IS RECEIVED BY BRYAN

VOMEN JOIN RUN ON BANK; GIVENFLOWERS ENVER, Colo. March 24. Carnations were distributed today to each woman depositor who joined to each woman depositor to each woman depositor to each woman depositor to each woman depositor WOMEN JOIN RUN ON

in the second day's run on the German-American Trust company bank. As each feminine depositor received her money from the teller, she was handed a big red carnation and a smile. It helped allay the excitement and restored good law their groups of the onicial head of the department.

As depositors reached the teller's windows they were informed that their money was absolutely anfe, but if they desired they could have it immediately.

Many Leave Deposits.

As depositors reached the teller's windows they were informed that their tary of state, has never neted as head of the onicial head of the department.

CATTLEMEN CHARGED WITH MURDER RELEASED ON BOND

We have the situation absolutely in hand," declared Godfrey Schirmer, president of the company, discussing the run side of Benver, one offer coming from of Monday in which several hundred small savings depositors withdrew their accounts. Mr. Schirmer said that not that the bank had ample funds to meet one of the checking accounts had been all demands.

ENVER, Colo., March 24, Carna- | closed out; that at least a dozen de-

withdrew their savings.

Many offers of assistance were re-

Col. John Seeley, sceretary of state for war, today promised in the hose of commons that he would on Wednesday lay on the table all the meterial and written documents which he said would clear up the whole mystery of the recent crists among the officers of the army in Ireland.

He gave this promise when he was asked by a member to confirm or deny the statement that a written assurance had been given to Brig, Gen. Hubert Gough that the troops would not us used to force home rule on Ulster.

No Dissolution, Says Redmond. To Clear up Mystery.

'MOTHER" JONES IS OFFERED LIBERTY

who protested against special privileges accorded to madame Calllaux, were placed in Isolation cells today as a punishment.

Madame Calllaux, who appeared in a condition of extremen fatigue today, called impatiently for her husband, the former minister of finance. When he arrived at the Isil, a long conference followed.

Silvet Salt Cellar Is

Auctioned at \$28,000

London, Eng., March 34.—A silver sait cellar from the late lord Ashburnham's collection was sold for \$28,000 at Christe's auction rooms today. The

DEFIANCE OF LAW

PROBLEM IN STRIKE Denver, Colo., March 24:—Pursuant to preparations for the complete with-irawal of the Colorado national guard from the Colorado coal fields, where a strike has been in progress since September 25, 1913, governor E. M. Ammons today lessed a statement in which he said that "the open deflance to the state in its efforts of restore and maintain order is one of the vital questions in the strike situation."

The governor declares: "I can find no law under which I can force a settlement of the strike." He appeals to ment of the strike. He appeals to the onforcement of law," in view of the particular of subsequent investigations, has been made to the state department by American consul Thomas rom the Colorado coal fields, where a

STRIKERS CHARGED WITH MURDER ASK SEPARATE TRIAL Houghton, Mich., March 24.—Laka lece and George Briski, strikers who separate trials. The trial of Piese opened in Lanse, Baraga county, on change of venue before judge O'Brien

this afternoon. COUNSELOR WILL ACT AS

MURDER RELEASED ON BOND Grand Junction, Colo., March 24.— Edge Cavender today granted writs or

habeas corpus ordering the release on habeas corpus ordering the release on bond of Chaude Timbrel, George Hughes, T. D. Bowman and Dale Mitchell, charged with the murder of Peter Swanson in a feud of cattlemen and sheepmen seven years ago. Bond for each man was fixed at \$1000.

Will Not Risk Their Entire One-Boat Navy, but Will Save the Guns.

TO USE THEM TO ATTACK GUAYMAS

S AN BLAS, Sinalou, March 20,—(By mail)—When the crew and most of the officers of the federal gunboat "Tampico" mutinied en route between Guaymas and Topolobampo and forced the captain to bring the vessel into Topolobampo and turn her over to the rebels, it was thought that the aid of this gunboat would speedily bring about the surrender of Guaymas and Magatlan to the rebels, but the Tampico had on board only 30 tons of coal, which was not enough to put to see with, and no more coal could be found on this coast.

A cargo was ordered from San Francisco and is supposed to have arrived in the past few days, but in the meantime the rebels have about decided to dismount the Tampino's cannons and take them to Guaymas or Magatlan to aid in the land land siege of one of those places. between Gusymas and Topolobampo

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The rehels are making a movement owards Mazzilan in considerable orce, but whether it is the usual bluff hey have been running since November, or a plan for a formal attack, so one seems to know. It is thought no special effort will be made to take either Mazzilan or Guaymas until the forman stustion is wither one way or orreon situation is settled one way or

NO DECISION YET FOR THE PRISONERS

Judge Meek Asks for Briefs in the Case, But lutimates That He May Release Fort Bliss Crowd.

Pecos, Tex., March 24.-Judge Edward Meek, of the United States federing an opinion in the case of the Fort Bliss prisoners who are asking for their release on a habeas corpus

usked the attorneys for briefs and may be severel weeks in announcing his decision. He said that the opinion of judge Welborn in the Orozco case would have a persuasive though not a controling influence in

Judge Welborn released the senior Orozco on the ground that there was no authority for the milliary of the United States to hold him a prisoner without having a charge against him.

and the results of subsequent investi-gations, has been made to the state de-partment by American consul Thomas B. Edwards at Juarez, Mex. Of the 20 or more because why lets. when a passenger train dashed into the burning tunnel on February 4, the hodies of eight men believed to have been Americans and those of a man, wife and child, who were citizens of France, have been recovered, the consul-reported. He gave the following as the most

He gave the following as the most authentic list available:

M. J. Gilmartin, of Buffalo, N. Y.;
Menard Schofleld, of Brazil, Ind.; John E. Webster, of El Paso; E. J. McCutcheon; J. I. Morris, of Woodland, Calif.;
Lee Williams, of Philadelphia; Thomas Kelly, of Emporia, Kan.; Padre Abel and wife and child, citizens of France.

CARRANZA MAY NOT ARRIVE UNTIL FRIDAY

Gen. Venustiano Carranga may not reach Juarez before Friday. At rebel bendquarters in Jaurez Tuesday it was stated that Carranga is making a leisurely journey north from Casas Grandes, stopping frequently, and with no wish to get to the border in a harry.

hurry.

It is believed Carransa may plan his arrival to occur at about the time the rebels are celebrating the victory at Torreon, should they win that battle. CUSTOMS BROKER IS

ARRESTED IN JUAREZ

EL PASO, TEXAS, TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 24, 1914-(10 PAGES TODAY) ASSOCIATED PRESS LEASED WIRE-Day and Night Reports. WEATHER FORECAST-Unsettled and colder.

TIGHTENS LINES

Rebels Use Many of the Federals' Own Cannon in the Attack Upon the City-Gomez Palacio Falls After Hard Fighting and Much Loss of Life-Rebels Attack Across Fields-Villa Joins Fight-Line With the Provision Wagons.

OMEZ PALACIO, Mexico, March 24.—Driving the federals back out of their carefully prepared fortifications, the rebel army of Pancho Gen. Manuel Chao here, and Gen. Villa is closing the semi-circle around Torreon this afternoon, drawing Benavides at the head of the Zaraatighter every hour, from the southeast, east and northeast, while also keeping up a bombardment from the north.

Following the attack this morning from the east, northeast and southeast by the division commanded by Gen. E. A. Benavides, the rebels slowly but the desperate street fighting in Gomez surely made headway towards the town, driving in one after another of the Palacio last night was available. Confederal commands in outer fortifications and silencing battery after battery of firmation of the rebel victory in the

During the morning, the rebels also succeeded in silencing some of the gram from Pancho Villa was picked federal guns commanding the approach to the city along the Mexican Central up here. It ordered that certain suprailroad from Gomez Palacio.

Some of the artiflery captured from the federals at Gomez Palacio was used today to augment the rebel artillery and turned upon the defenders of

Gen. Pancho Villa believes Torreon will be in possession of his army be- | eral stronghold. They believe that re night. After spending a past of this morning at Gomez Palacio overseeing the bulk of the federal force was enthe work of bringing up supplies and attending to the wounded. Villa this afternoon took a detour to the east and southeast to join the commands advancing against the city across the open fields, assuming personal command. His presence inspired the tired, hungry rebels. The fact that he was accompanied by a number of provision wagons created tremendous enthusiasm, for it is his thoughtfulness of his men that makes Villa great in their eyes; makes them fight to the

The federals are making their last desperate stand in Torreon proper. The rebels have driven them in from all surrounding fortifications and villages.

Closing in on the stronghold Monday, the rebels took Lerdo, a manufacturing town, three miles from Torreon, without a fight, and this morning early occupied Gomez Palacio after a furious battle that lasted for hours. Last evening Matamoras, on the southeast of Torreon, a station on the railroad leading to Saltillo, also fell into the hands of the rebels. This cut off federal communication from every direction except the south and placed rebels on every side of the town, except the south, southwest and west. Mountains protect the city from the west and southwest. Whether the reinforcements sent from eral court at Dallas, has reserved rend- Mexico City have arrived from the south is not known by the attacking rebels. The railroad line is open to Mexico City, however, so far as known.

Gomez Palacio was taken by a command under Pancho Villa himself. Lerdo fell into the hands of Tomas Urbino's command advancing from the vicinity of Mapimi. Matamoras fell into the hands of a rebel brigade sent south from Tlahuallilo by rail, which was not impeded. The troops at Matamoras fell back towards Torreon when the rebels neared the place. Then the rebels turned northwest into Torreon along this railroad. Urbino was unable to accompany his command, as he is wounded or ill in Manimi.

Hard Fight At Gomez. Gomez Phlacio fell into the hands in which many of the men fell dead or of the rebols early today, when the Huerta garrison, reinforced strongly from Torrega, in personal command fighting was very close and men fell by

commander at Torreon, retreated into Torreon for the final stand and left the suburb three milies out, in the hands of the rebels.

Immediately the rebel assault on Torreon opened from the east and northeast, the rebel artillery and cavalry advancing across the cotton fields that cover the level piain to the southeast, east and northeast of Torreon. During the night, the rebels had forded the Nazas river northeast of Torreon without much difficulty. Gen. Eugenio A. Benayldes, recent commander at Juares, led the attack from that side. Pancho Villa himself remained in Gomes Palacio this morning, from which the rebel artiflery is shelling the federal batteries guarding the pass through which the rebels must fight their way along the Hexican Central if they enter Torreon from the north. Villa is also supervising the movement of his supplies and ammunition and is organizing his headquarters force at Gomez Palacio.

Shelling Federals in Pass.

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The capture of Gomez itself did not mean much to the rebels, for it was necessary to cross the Nazan river from here to get into Torreon and the federals held the only entrance—through which the Mexican Central road enters the city—with heavy cannon mounted on each side of the pass. By taking Gomez Palacio, however, the rebels are able to locate their artilllery on Cerro de la Pilar, a hill fust behind Palacio, and shell the federal batteries on the other side of the river at the pass. This at least kept a large force of federals engaged at that point and prevented them reinforcing the other troops who were fighting against the rebel advance across the plains from the southeast, the east and the northeast. Shelling Federals In Pass. the north-ast.

Dend Are Many.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

UAREZ, Mex., March 24. Gomez. J Palacio was in the hands of the rebels this morning, according to information given out at the office of goza brigade was moving against Torreon. No statement of casualties in latter city was received when a teleplies be sent directly to Gomez Pa-

Incion Strategists here think that Benavides will be the first to enter the fedgaged at Gomez Palacio and that although the latter retired, they will not have the time nor the spirit to unite against Benavides, who is advancing from a different direction.

els slipped from place to place, in ones, twos and threes, except in the case of the affair at the cuartel, where many of them were caught by the federal sharpshooters.

narpanosters.

Capture Hill First.

The rabels Monday night early succeeded in taking the hill behind somes Palaclo, from which the federal Gomez Palacio, from which the federal artillery was operating, and captured many of the federal cannon. Then they destroyed the immense water tank on top of the hill, which supplied the town. By a series of charges, they then entered the town, but the fighting inside lasted for hours. The rebels succeeded in capturing the field furniture and bedding of the federal commander, Gen. Velasco.

Burn the Bridges.

The federals burned the ratiroad bridges between Gomez and Torreon, after being forced out of Gomez Palacio by the fighting Monday night, thus further impeding progress of the

rancio by the righting monday night, thus further impeding progress of the rebel army from Gomez Into Torreon from the north.

Gen, Velasco had centered heavy federal strength in Gomez Palacio and look personal command. To retreat from Gomez Palacio into Torreon, the federal control of the control of the federal control federala crossed the long wooden bridges over which the electric car line and Mexican Central railroad cross from Torreon to Gomez Palacio and, by

from Torreon to Gomez Palacio and, by burning the bridges, Velasco delayed the rebel pursuit for a time from this direction, the Nazas river being half full of water.

It was nearly daybrenk today when the federals retired to Torreon and burned their bridges after them Meantime, however, Villa had decided that some of Benavides's men could retire and they did so, joining their comand they did so, joining their com-mander, who was fording the Nanas to the east of Gomes and preparing for the assault on Torreon this mora-

Villa kept only a comparatively small force of men in Gomez Palacio, for it was not possible to make much headway against Torreon from that direction.

Federals Trap Rebeis.

At one time the fenerals made a feint to withdraw and then returned against the rebeis after many of them had reached the cuartel. The federals set fire to the cuartel as they left and, when a horde of rebels had taken refuge in the place, they were forced out into the stroets by the flames and were shot down by federals stationed in nearby buildings and on noofs. The federals were hidden by the darkness of the night, while the rebels, as they poured out of the burning cuartel or ran through the streets in the lighted area, were easy targets for the federal sharpshooters. The city lights had been cut off by the federals and the unfamiliarity of the rebels with the streets and federal ambushess often took them into ambushes that cost many of them their lives. Bennyides Leads Charge.
The command under Gen. Bennyides, which opened the assault upon Torreon this morning, numbers the largest division of the Villa army as at present constituted.

In Torreon the last stand of the federal army of the north was made. With a force estimated to actually eight thousand, and behind breastworks and fertifications which the federals have been working or for weeks Game Velners and Perce. The federals had planned the defences well, but the fact that the Huerta soldiers had to be held in groups to do the fighting, was in the rebeis layor. The rebeis charged in open order, scattering, picking their way from cover to cover. The federal officers—fearing desertion of their men—herded them as usual in buildings and on housetops. This gave the rebeis a decided advantage.

REBEL NEWS FACTORY

then. That the news given out by "Con-argets stitutionalist" officials in Juarez of (Continued on Page 5, Column 2), JAPANESE EMPEROR'S CABINET HAS RESIGNED

P. A. Ruiz, a customs broker of Juarez, whose family lives in El Paso, has been a prisoner in the Juarez latifor three days, at is naid, on a charge of passing counterfeit rebel money. His friends say he has been held without a hearing and that if he had passed any counterfeit rebel money, it was done innocently, as there is almost a much counterfeit money in circulation as gamning to the more are not as a much counterfeit money in circulation as gamning to the more of brilliant charges, and the cuartes of brilliant charges, and the cuartes in Gomes Palacio, the Juan Brittingham soap factory and other available buildings for fortifications, and even after the cuartes of brilliant charges, circulation as gamning to behalf of what they done the Juan Replacio of dissensions which have marked they term value of dissensions which have marked they term value of the lapanese administration resigned. Its crambling has given rise to much discussion in pelitical circles. The Radicals consider the disappearance of admiral count Gembel Yamam oto's cabinet as a blow to the system of dan government and they are fighting the influence of the old conversed to much discussion in pelitical circles.

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